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SUBJECT: CLIFFORD MISSION: STATEMENTS BY CLIFFORD AND MAKARIOS
AFTER FIRST MEETING

1. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE CLIFFORD AND PRESIDENT MAKARIOS BOTH
ISSUED BRIEF STATEMENTS TO REPORTERS FOLLOWING THEIR FIRST MEETING
FEBRUARY 24. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS:

2. (BEGIN CLIFFORD TEXT) I BROUGHT TO HIS BEATITUDE THE BEST
WISHES OF PRESIDENT CARTER. I ALSO PRESENTED HIM WITH A PERSONAL
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, IN WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER DEMON-
STRATED HIS RESPECT FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT AND
THE TENURE THAT HE HAS HAD HERE IN THE ISLAND OF CYPRUS. WE
HAVE DISCUSSED OVER A SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD OF TIME A NUMBER OF
QUESTIONS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE
UNITED STATES HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS INTEREST IN CYPRUS OVER
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QUITE A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE AN INTEREST
IN CYPRUS; WE WANT VERY MUCH TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING
THE DIFFICULTIES THAT EXIST HERE. SO, THE ARCHBISHOP AND I EX-
CHANGED VIEWS, AND HIS ATTITUDE IS ONE THAT I WILL TAKE BACK TO
PRESIDENT CARTER, BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN VERY FRANK IN GIVING US
THE BENEFIT OF HIS OPINIONS. SO THAT I CAN SAY TO YOU THAT NOT
ONLY HAS OUR CONFERENCE BEEN A PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL ONE,

BUT I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT HE AND I HAVE ENDED UP AS FRIENDS AT THE END OF OUR CONFERENCE. I AM NOT PREPARED TO TAKE QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME, AS I HAVE TOLD YOU BEFORE, BUT AT THE END OF MY TRIP I WILL HAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE, AT WHICH TIME I WILL TAKE QUESTIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. (END CLIFFORD TEXT)

3. (BEGIN MAKARIOS TEXT) THE VISIT OF MR. CLIFFORD TO CYPRUS AS SPECIAL ENVOY FOR PRESIDENT CARTER AND MEETING, I FELT, WITH HIM ARE EVIDENCE OF THE KEEN INTEREST OF THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND ALSO EVIDENCE OF THE WILLINGNESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO HELP IN THE EFFORTS TO REACH A JUST, PEACEFUL AND LASTING SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM. I EXPLAINED TO MR. CLIFFORD OUR VIEWS ON THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, AND WE DISCUSSED ITS VARIOUS ASPECTS. WITHOUT ENTERING INTO DETAILS AS TO THE POINTS WE DISCUSSED, I WISH TO SAY THAT OUR MEETING WAS VERY USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE VISIT OF MR. CLIFFORD, A MAN OF SUCH HIGH QUALITIES, EXPERIENCE AND CALIBER, AND HIS CONTACTS AND TALKS HERE WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION IN THE EFFORTS FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS, THE PROLONGATION OF WHICH ENDANGERS PEACE IN THIS SENSITIVE PART OF THE WORLD. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO MR. CLIFFORD FOR UNDERTAKING THIS MISSION. THANK YOU. (END MAKARIOS TEXT)

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